

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments

Prior to the submission of this paper, claims 1-33 were pending. Claims 14, 23, 27, and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 for allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Also, claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,343,738 to Ogilvie ("Ogilvie").

When the amendments submitted herein are entered, claims 1-33 will be cancelled. New claims 34-51 have been added and are now presented for examination. Support for the new claims is generally found throughout Applicants' specification. For example, support for claims 34-49 are found in Figures 1-3 and on pages 27-37. Furthermore, support for claims 50 and 51 is found in Figures 1-2 and on pages 21-37. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Because claims 1-33 were cancelled, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) that were set forth in the Office Action are rendered moot.

AUTHORIZATION

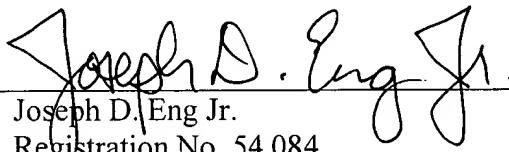
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4730. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4730. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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